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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 7/28/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14, 16-18 and 20-23 (renumbered as 1-21 respectively).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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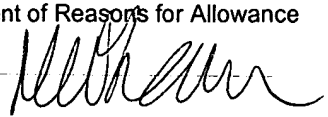
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2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 allowed as indicated in previous Office Action.

Claims 9 and 20-23 allowed.

The closest relevant art is Elliott et al (6,129,852) wherein Elliott et al teach a nozzle (9) for use with a filter cleaning system (col. 1, lines 6-9) comprising a nozzle body having a first end and a second end, the first end defining a primary fluid jet passage (18), the second end defining multiple exhaust tubes (14 in Figs. 3 & 4), and a diffuser arrangement located to the second end of the nozzle body including a number of different configurations such as hexagonal pyramid divergent portion or hexagonal prismatic portion (see col. 6, lines 47-51) or any other desirable shape (col. 6, lines 52-59). Elliott et al further teach the air flow exiting through the multiple exhaust holes (14) in a non-perpendicular direction relative to the centerline of the primary fluid jet passage (see the configuration of 14 in Fig. 4) or at the angle (see col. 4, lines 16-35) (see also col. 4, lines 55-60, col. 6, lines 22-28 and lines 46-49).

Claims 9 and 20-23 of this instant patent application differ from the disclosure of Elliott et al in that the nozzle has a nozzle body and multiple exhaust tubes are defined by a second end of the nozzle body.

Claims 10-14 and 16-18 allowed.

The closest relevant art is Simonsen et al (6,332,902 B1) wherein Simonsen et al teach a manifold and a valve arrangement for use with a filter cleaning system (col. 1, lines 14-17) comprising a manifold (14), a valve (15) mounted to the manifold (14), first and second seals, openings (18) located in the manifold (14), and a diaphragm

selectively positionable in open and closed positions to control fluid communication through the valve (15) (see details of Fig. 2). Simonsen et al further show the fluid passage being tapered from the first end to the second end (see Fig. 2) (see also col. 2, lines 40-65, col. 5, lines 25-39 and line 64 through col. 6, line 10, col. 6, line 18 through col. 7, line 49, col. 8, lines 31-41).

Claim 10 of this instant patent application differs from the disclosure of Simonsen et al in that the control valve has first and second seals wherein the first seal of valve provides sealing contact between the valve body of the valve and an outer surface of the manifold, and the second seal provides sealing contact between the valve body and the interior of the manifold, and a diaphragm positionable in open and closed positions to control fluid communication through the valve.

Claims 11-14 and 16-18 of this instant patent application differ from the disclosure of Simonsen et al in that the control valve has first and second seals wherein the first seal of valve provides sealing contact between the valve body of the valve and an outer surface of the manifold, and the second seal provides sealing contact between the valve body and the interior of the manifold, and a diaphragm positionable in open and closed positions to control fluid communication through the valve. The valve further includes a mounting flange interconnected to the valve body, and a plurality of openings formed between the mounting flange and the valve body.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh-Chau T. Pham whose telephone number is (571)

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